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the industry proper. A good start has been made toward

remedying this state of affairs and the good work should

be kept up.

THE LOCAL BOND SITUATION.

YESTERDAY The West Virginian printed a tabulation

which showed that in the first ten days of the

third Liberty loan drive in Marion county a total

of \$442,550 worth of bonds were subscribed for. This

is forty per cent of the sum the people of this county are

expected to take, and while the showing is most gratifying

it indicates that a whole lot of very hard plugging will

have to be done if we are to come through with colors flying

as was the case in each of the two former bond efforts.

The individual citizen will have to take a greater in-

terest and subscribe on a more liberal scale. Because of

the large income tax payments which are about due the

larger corporations and the stronger banks will not this

time be in position to assume the bulk of the burden. Men

of more limited resources will have to come to the rescue.

It should be made a matter of local pride that every man

and woman who possibly can buy at least one bond. If

this is done there will be no doubt about the result in this

county. Some of the banks are placing bonds on the

weekly payment plan, but most people who have regular

incomes from salary or other sources will be able to take

a bond on the government plan of payments if they make

the effort. It may mean considerable of a strain, but that

is precisely what the Republic expects of every one back

home now. If you have not already subscribed for all

you possibly can carry it is your duty to do so at once.

Do not wait until the last minute. That is not fair to

the banks and if many people pursue such a policy it will

cause a vast amount of absolutely unnecessary anxiety at

Washington.

The two outstanding facts of the battle situation in

Flanders are that the Germans are no longer advancing

and French troops have reinforced the British in that

theatre. The latter dispels the doubt that the length

ening of the Allied line had wiped out the reserves on

their side. It is not so very strange that more is not

heard about the Allied army of maneuver. General

Foch is too good a strategist to permit his purpose with

regard to this force to become known. It is altogether

probable that we will first hear of it through the re-

ports from Berlin. Everything considered, matters are

progressing satisfactorily in Flanders.

The House of Representatives has emphatically re-

jected the Senate provision to raise the wheat guarantee

to \$2.50 and it is now expected that the Senate con-

ference will give way in order that the agricultural bill

may be passed. Thus ends in failure a barefaced at-

tempt to profiteer by grain gamblers and growers who

are sadly lacking in public spirit, aided by members of

the Senate who ought to be heartily ashamed of the

part they have played. Now that the contest over this

matter has ended there is a prospect that a large

amount of wheat that has been held out of the market

will start for the mill, thus relieving one of the most

serious of the rationing problems.

German troops are repeating in Russia their tactics

in Belgium which shocked the world. Put a military

uniform on his back and a rifle in his hands and it is

not safe to trust a present day German. He is apt to

turn beast at the slightest provocation and the world

will not be a safe place for peaceable people until he

is entirely disarmed.

Provost Marshal General Crowder is reported to be

at work on a plan to register every man in the country

between the ages of 18 and 50. That is an entirely

reasonable precaution and it should be carried into

effect. By means of it the government would have a

card index of every man in the country and could pro-

ceed with directness and without the slightest confusion

if some such situation as that which faced the British

within the past month were to develop. The more the

government knows about the man power of the country

the fewer errors and injustices there will be if the need

for a heavy drain comes.

Representatives of the Interstate Commerce com-

mission have begun to clean up the express muddle in Pitts-

burgh and all those who are apprehended will be tried in

United States courts. It was about time something was

done regarding the Pittsburgh express situation. Busi-

ness over a wide area has suffered great injury because

of the mysterious collapse of this important center of

express distribution.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

But the kaiser is displeased with his co-partner, Gott,

for sending rains sufficiently heavy to make offensive

movements most difficult.—Wheeling Register.

The way to get beat for office in Chicago is to be

backed by a certain Mayor Thompson.—Charleston Mail.

Only a few of us will ever win the cross of war, but

infantry service. It seems to be more dangerous in

nearly all of us may wear the Liberty button.—Wheel-

ing Intelligencer.